

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2006

The Emergency Management Advisory Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 8:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Advisory Council Members present were: President Jimmie Kesterson, Vice Chairman Nathan Miller, Mike Kyger, Dave Reagan, John Walker, and John Withers, Also present: Director Mark Kirby, Deputy Director Tim Batta, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Advisory Council Members Carol Shelby, County Councilmember Ronald Fruitt and Commissioner Ruth Shedd were absent.)

Chairman Jimmie Kesterson called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

- Councilmember Kyger moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2006 Meeting as distributed, seconded by Mr. Miller; motion carried.

Communications Committee: Dave Reagan, Chairman

Mr. Reagan reported the Committee finally found information and an instructional video for “KIT” at the TEMA Office. They also discovered that eight (8) phone lines are available for the system’s use at an average cost of \$35 to \$40 per line but not all are dedicated to “KIT”. All the equipment is located in the basement at TCOB but he thinks the input equipment could be moved to the 629 Building due to recent fiber optic installation which will make it more convenient for TEMA volunteers or TEMA Secretary Brenda Melville. Mr. Reagan noted that Mrs. Melville was trained on the system as well as former TEMA Deputy Director Bill Huffer who has expressed his willingness to assist. Mr. Reagan noted that “KAN”, used by Lilly, would be a leased system and information would be input by an outside source. Now that they have found the “KIT” information, they can begin to compare the two systems.

➔ Advisory Council Member Garry Smith entered the meeting.

Mr. Miller said Lilly pays approximately \$4,000 annually for “KAN” plus a fee per call. He said the up-to-date 911 data base can be implemented in “KAN” that can make 200 calls at one time for mass notification. Mr. Miller thinks Lilly and other similar industries might be willing to share the cost with the County.

Reverse 911 is a new technology that could be another alternative for notification.

Mr. Smith pointed out that “KIT” was never meant to be a means for mass notification but rather a means to notify entities with large groups such as factories, schools, etc.

← Mr. Reagan left the meeting.

Director’s Comments: Mark Kirby

- ♦ A current TEMA Roster as of 2/11/2006 and TEMA Volunteer Fund Reconciliation Detail from Lafayette Saving Bank as of 1/31/2006 were distributed.
- ♦ Volunteers’ 501c3 status is moving forward slowly.
- ♦ Deputy Director Batta will fill in at the April 11th meeting for Director Kirby who will be attending the Governor’s Conference on Volunteerism in Indianapolis.

- ♦ Deputy Director Batta will fill in at the May 9th meeting while Director Kirby speaks at Bio Analytical Services along with Purdue Homeland Security Institute in West Lafayette.
- ♦ District 4 All Hazard Mitigation Committee will hold a table top exercise with Purdue and the State on April 8th as a preliminary to a full scale drill in the Fall.
- ♦ Governor Daniel's is calling a State-wide conference in March regarding Avian Flu. Federal Homeland Security is the lead agency.
- ♦ Scott has agreed to pay the shipping for our returned air masks and a credit with Hoosier Fire will be issued until October. The credit will be used to purchase air masks from Scott if they are certified by that time or we will purchase certified air masks from another company. Either way, we should have certified air masks for distribution by the end of the year.
- ♦ A 1968 ambulance titled to Tippecanoe County Commissioners was recovered in Benton County and is now back at TEMA's N 9th St. facility. Charges are being filed by the Benton County Prosecutor.
- ♦ Homeland Security will hold a press conference at 1:30 P.M., Friday, February 17, 2006 on the Fourth Street side of the Courthouse.

Siren Test: Deputy Director Tim Batta

Two (2) failures were reported during the Siren Test held on Saturday, February 4th but a personal inspection by the Deputy Director proved one report was unfounded. The second failure was for a siren located on the roof of a building at Soldiers Home.

Deputy Director Batta reported the siren located in Romney sounds but does not turn but, since it is located on private property, access is not readily available. Chairman Kesterson asked who pays for the power. Mr. Kyger explained it is paid by Tipmont REMC where the former property owner, who consented to the placement of the siren, is employed. He noted there is not only a new property owner but the siren can only be accessed by crossing a neighbor's property.

Chairman Kesterson asked Deputy Director Batta to review and report the locations of all sirens and who pays the electricity.

Haz-Mat Team Report: Deputy Director Tim Batta

The team was called for technical advice concerning an overturned semi at mile marker 164 southbound on I-65. The Team determined the fuel tanks were half full and, after sealing them, recommended rolling the semi over. This was done successfully with no spill.

Budget Summary (thru 2/13/2006)

The expenditures in Garage Supplies were due to high repair costs on the Suburban.

Facilitator Presentation: Christopher Burke representative Sheila McKinley

In her role as Facilitator, Ms McKinley said she will hold meetings with the Advisory Council, TEMA Officers, and TEMA and Haz-Mat Team volunteers to review roles and responsibilities for preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. She expects to hold one meeting with each group that will last approximately 2 hours.

It was noted that Director Kirby will request funding to pay Ms McKinley at the County Council Meeting later today after which the Commissioners will be asked to sign the contract.

Tort Filing

Director Kirby reported a Tort was filed against Tippecanoe County regarding the temporary drive constructed through private property without the owner's permission in Capilano Subdivision. The former TEMA Director had the drive constructed to provide an exit for Capilano residents who were stranded due to flooding.

Annual Inventory

- Mr. Smith moved to implement the practice of an annual inventory of all TEMA equipment for presentation to the Advisory Council at their first meeting each July, seconded by Mr. Miller; motion carried.

Other Business

Mr. Withers mentioned that SB 285, if passed, will eliminate Civil Air Patrol representation on EMA Advisory Councils.

Adjournment

- Mr. Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Withers; motion carried.

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor